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SUBJECT: OECD MINISTERIAL PREPARATIONS: HEADS OF DEL
DISCUSSION OF DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

REF: A) PARIS 17240, B) STATE 138246

1. COMMENTS BELOW ARE KEYED TO ITEM NUMBERS AS TRANSMITTED REF A) AND REPORT SUBSTANTIVE OR MAJOR PROCEDURAL POINTS RAISED AT JUNE 1 HEADS OF DEL MEETING.
2. ITEM 2 - THE GROWING INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

A) HEADS OF DEL HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF FIRST REVISION C(78)90 REPORTED SEPTEL.

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B) ON SUB-PARA D CONCERNING THE "NEW INITIATIVES FOR INCREASING INVESTMENT FLOWS FOR DEVELOPMENT" CANADIAN AMBASSADOR SUPPORTED BY U.S. DRAWING ON REF B) REQUESTED REFORMULATION TO MAKE CLEAR THAT MINISTERS WOULD NOT BE CALLED UPON TO MAKE DECISIONS ON THESE INITIATIVES BUT RATHER TO DISCUSS THEIR APPROPRIATENESS AND FEASIBILITY.

C) ALTHOUGH MINISTERS WILL BE INVITED TO APPROVE THE PARAGRAPHS OF THE COMMUNIQUE RELATED TO THE FIRST DAY'S DISCUSSION AT THE END OF THE FIRST DAY, VAN LENNEP INDICATED IT WAS PROBABLE THAT THE TEXT OF THOSE PARAGRAPHS WOULD NOT BE RELEASED TO THE PRESS. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE EXPECTED THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIRST DAY WOULD INFORM THE PRESS TALKING FROM WHATEVER PARAGRAPHS OF THE COMMUNIQUE MAY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THEN.

3. ITEM 4 - CONCERTED ACTION: POLICIES FOR SUSTAIN-ABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH INCLUDING POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT MEASURES.

A) SECRETARY-GENERAL ANNOUNCED THAT C(78)94 WAS BEING REVISED IN LIGHT OF COMMENTS OFFERED AT MAY 26 HEADS OF DEL AND THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE EPC MEETING. HE SAID THE REVISION WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY OF EPC AS AGREED AT THE BUREAU AND TUESDAY LUNCHEON.

B) THE ORIGINAL ANNEX TO C(78)94 ILLUSTRATING QUANTITATIVELY CONCERTED ACTION HAS BEEN DROPPED. ENTIRE PAPER C(78)95 HAS ALSO BEEN DROPPED. THE ANNEX TO C(78)94, REF A) IS THE REDRAFT OF CES/78.46 AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT.

C) THE LANGUAGE OF SUB-PARA B UNDER ITEM 4 WILL BE REVISED TO BE MADE CONSISTENT WITH THE NEW ANNEX PLACING EMPHASIS ON THE CONCEPT OF "ORIENTATIONS" AND DROPPING THE WORD "RECOMMENDATIONS".

D) SOME DRAFTING CHANGES WERE SUGGESTED IN THE POINTS ON WHICH MINISTERS "ARE INVITED TO REACH AGREEMENT", THE MOST IMPORTANT BEING A SUGGESTION BY FRANCE AND AUSTRALIA THAT POINT 3 "THE COSTS OF A FAILURE TO RE-ESTABLISH STEADY NON-INFLATIONARY EXPANSION" BE DROPPED.

E) IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ANNOUNCED THAT A COMPROMISE ARRANGEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED FOR PROCEDURES ON THE SECOND DAY, NAMELY THAT THE DISCUSSION WOULD BE HELD IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM (ROOM 1 OF THE NEW BUILDING) BUT THAT THE TABLE ARRANGEMENT WOULD PERMIT ONLY MINISTERS TO PARTICIPATE

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IN THE DISCUSSION. EACH COUNTRY WAS INVITED TO INFORM THE SECRETARIAT OF THE NUMBER OF MINISTERS WHO WOULD BE REPRESENTING IT ON THE SECOND DAY. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS ON THE NUMBER OF SEATS WE WILL WISH TO HAVE FOR PERSONS OF MINISTERIAL OR EQUIVALENT RANK FOR THIS SECOND DAY FORMAT.

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